

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	CASE NO. GNR-T-04-1
IDAHO TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION FOR)	
SUSPENSION OF NUMBER PORTABILITY)	NOTICE OF PETITION
REQUIREMENTS.)	
)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
)	PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 29428

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Section 251(b) of the federal Telecommunications Act requires all local exchange carriers to provide number portability to the extent technically feasible and in accordance with requirements prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission. In an order issued November 10, 2003, the FCC requires that incumbent LECs in areas outside the largest 100 metropolitan areas implement number portability no later than May 24, 2004. Section 251(f)(2) allows local exchange carriers with fewer than 2% of the nations subscriber lines to petition a state commission for suspension or modification of the requirements of Section 251(b).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that on February 5, 2004, a Petition was filed by the Idaho Telephone Association on behalf of 16 of its members requesting a 6-month suspension of the requirement that they provide number portability from wireline to wireless carriers. The Petition states that the member companies are pursuing an economically and technically feasible way to provide number portability, but that a system upgrade is required. Specifically, the companies propose to provide number portability through shared equipment and services provided by Syringa Networks, LLC, requiring that Syringa convert its switch to a tandem switch. The Petition states that the conversion is already underway but that it cannot be completed prior to the May 24, 2004 deadline.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the ITA on behalf of the 16 companies asks the Commission to suspend their local number portability obligation for 6 months, until November 24, 2004, to enable Syringa to convert its switch and make the necessary conversion and upgrades. The Petition asserts this solution will avoid significant adverse economic impact

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on users of telecommunication services, and that the suspension is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through -204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.state.id.us. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Applicant at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application in Case No. GNR-T-04-1 can be reviewed at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petition filed by the Idaho Telephone Association requesting suspension of the local number portability requirement for six months, until November 24, 2004, be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter should do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

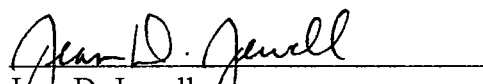
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 19th day of February 2004.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


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